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Strategy Focus

As you read, **evaluate** how well the author helps you learn about twins.



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Key Vocabulary

newborn just born; only a few days or weeks old

distract to take a person's attention away from something

twins two children born at the same time to the same parents

pest someone who is a bother or who causes trouble

teenage between the ages of twelve and twenty

Word Teaser

Unscramble these letters to make a vocabulary word: etps.
What other words can you make with the letters?



Do you know any twins?



Twins are born on the same day and in the same family. These newborn babies are twins.



Sometimes twins look alike, but
sometimes they don't.



Many twins spend a lot of time together.



They can feel close, just like good friends.



Sometimes twins dress alike.



They may not want to dress alike when they get older. These teenage twins dress differently.



Twins don't always do the same things.



One twin can be very quiet. The other twin can be a **pest** and try to **distract** the other. They are just like other brothers and sisters!



Twins can be friends for life. Would you like to be a twin?

Responding

Putting Words to Work

1. Why are **twins** like good friends to each other?
2. How could someone be a **pest**?
3. What kind of care does a **newborn** baby need?
4. What might **distract** you from doing homework?
5. **PARTNER ACTIVITY:** Choose a word from the book. Explain it to your partner and give an example.

Answer to Word Teaser

pest; other words: step, pets

Word Builder

The words **teenage** and **newborn** are compound words. Make a list of other compound words that you know. Then write the two small words that are in each word.

Compound Words	
teenage newborn	teen age new born

Write About It

Write about your family. Use two compound words from your chart.

Key Vocabulary

newborn

distract

twins

pest

teenage

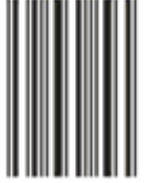
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